IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEBRASKA

SUSAN M. DEJONG,)	
Petitioner,))	4:16CV3020
V.)	
STATE OF NEBRASKA,))	MEMORANDUM AND ORDER
Respondent.))	

Respondent filed an answer and brief in response to Petitioner's Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus on August 17, 2016. (Filing Nos. 23, 24.) Pursuant to a memorandum and order entered by this court on April 29, 2016, Petitioner was supposed to file a brief in response to Respondent's brief within 30 days of its submission. (Filing No. 11.) Petitioner did not do so.

On September 26, 2016, Respondent submitted a notice stating that the merits of the habeas petition are fully submitted for decision. (Filing No. <u>25</u>.) On October 6, 2016, Petitioner filed a motion expressing that she did not understand that she was supposed to submit a brief. (Filing No. <u>27</u>.)

Because Petitioner is proceeding pro se in this matter, the court will extend the time for Petitioner to submit a brief in support of her habeas petition.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

- 1. Petitioner's Motion for Extension of Time (Filing No. 27) is granted.
- 2. Petitioner shall submit a brief in response to Respondent's brief (Filing No. 24) by November 14, 2016. Respondent shall file a reply brief by

December 14, 2016.

- 3. The clerk of court is directed to set a pro se case management deadline in this case using the following text: December 14, 2016: check for Respondent's reply brief.
- 4. Petitioner's Motion for Status (Filing No. 26) is denied as moot.

DATED this 17th day of October, 2016.

BY THE COURT:

s/ *Richard G. Kopf*Senior United States District Judge